

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Child and Family Services Agency
Office of the General Counsel



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MEMORANDUM OF LEGAL ADVICE

Issue

Are DC Superior Court mediation staff and DC Superior Court judges mandated reporters?

Conclusion

For the reasons below, we have concluded that:

Mediation staff and judges are not mandated reporters.

Analysis

The list of who is a mandated reporter can be found in D.C. Code §4-1321.02. Those persons who must report child maltreatment to Child and Family Services Agency are physicians, psychologists, medical examiners, dentists, chiropractors, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, persons involved in the care and treatment of patients, law-enforcement officers, school officials, teachers, social service workers, day care workers, domestic violence counselors, and mental health professionals.

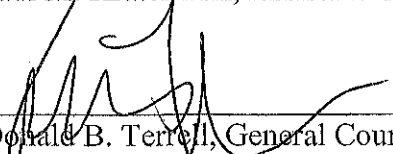
Mediation staff and D.C. Superior Court judges, as classes, do not fall within the delineated list of mandated reporters. However, individual mediation staff and judges may have an obligation to report child maltreatment if they are members of one or more of the delineated classes found in D.C. Code §4-1321.02.

Mediation staff, D.C. Superior Court judges and others not required to report child maltreatment, may still report child maltreatment to CFSA, even if they are not required by law to do so.

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